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1. On 25 November 1952, a troop train passed through Zimnitsa (N 42-35, E 26-35), heading for Sliven and carrying the following materiel:
 - a. Sixteen 105 mm. howitzers;
 - b. Eight Soviet-made 122 mm. howitzers;
 - c. Approximately 20 trucks; and
 - d. An unspecified number of crates
2. During the last week in November 1952, the following artillery arrived in Zvezdets (N 42-07, E 27-24):
 - a. Three batteries of "pack" artillery; and
 - b. Two batteries of horse-drawn field guns.

Prior to late November 1952, the artillery batteries held field exercises at Akhlatli village (Probably Prised (N 42-22, E 27-23), Burgas Okoliya, is meant).
3. In late November 1952, the following units were in Khaskovo:
 - a. The 8 Artillery Regiment;
 - b. The headquarters of 23 Rifle Regiment; and
 - c. A divisional headquarters, allegedly 8 Division headquarters.

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4. By the first week of December 1952, the 29 Rifle Regiment had returned to its barracks in Yambol.
5. During the first week of December 1952, the following units were observed in position:
 - a. Unidentified units subordinate to 24 and 32 Rifle Regiments, assembled near Zvezdets;
 - b. One battalion of 28 Rifle Regiment, with an unspecified number of field guns, located between Topolovgrad and Kurtpinar (sic), and
 - c. One mortar company and one company of machine guns on the outskirts of Duganovo (N 42-05, E 26-25).

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